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In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Original) A handheld electronic device having a shiftable pivot structure for joining a flip cover and a base of the device together, wherein the base comprises a pivotal accommodation groove and the cover comprises a pivot sleeve, the shiftable pivot structure comprising:

a sliding axle fitting in the pivotal accommodation groove, wherein the sliding axle comprises a lever and a pivot sleeve, two ends of the lever are respectively located on interior sidewalls of the pivotal accommodation groove, the pivot sleeve of the sliding axle extends from the lever to be hinged with the pivot sleeve of the cover at a connection point, the connection point being movable between positions inside and outside the pivotal accommodation groove, at the position outside the pivotal accommodation groove, the flip cover being pivotable relative to the base.

Claim 2. (Original) The handheld electronic device of claim 1, wherein the pivot sleeve of the sliding axle is hinged to the pivot sleeve of the cover by a shaft that extends in the two pivot sleeves.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The handheld electronic device of claim 1, wherein the flip cover is provided with a display and the base is provided with a keypad.

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Claim 4. (Previously presented) The handheld electronic device of claim 1, wherein the pivotal accommodation groove extends through an end of the base to form an opening in the base, and the connection point is moved from the position inside the pivotal accommodation groove to the position outside the pivotal accommodation groove through the opening.

Claim 5. (Original) The handheld electronic device of claim 1, wherein the pivotal accommodation groove extends through an end of the base to define an opening in the base, and wherein when the connection point moves from the position inside the pivotal accommodation groove to the position outside the pivotal accommodation groove, the connection point moves through the opening.

Claim 6-13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14. (Original) A handheld electronic device, comprising:

a base comprising a numerical keypad for inputting data and a pivotal accommodation groove located at one end of the base;

a shiftable pivot structure fitted in the pivotal accommodation groove and being shiftable from a first position to a second position, wherein the shiftable pivot structure comprises a first pivot joint located entirely within the pivotal accommodation groove when the shiftable pivot structure is shifted to the first position, and located outside the pivotal accommodation groove when the shiftable pivot structure is shifted to the second position; and

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a flip cover comprising a display screen for displaying data, and a second pivot joint that is pivotably joined to the first pivot joint.

Claim 15. (Original) The handheld electronic device of claim 14, wherein the first pivot joint comprises two first pivot sleeves and a shaft, the second pivot joint comprises a second pivot sleeve, and the shaft extends in the first pivot sleeves and the second pivot sleeve.

Claim 16. (Original) The handheld electronic device of claim 14, wherein the flip cover is pivotable relative to the base when the shiftable pivot structure is shifted to the second position.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The handheld electronic device of claim 14, wherein the flip cover is pivotable relative to the base when the shiftable pivot structure is shifted to the second position.

Claim 18-21 (Cancelled)